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Examining Group 7638

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Examiner : Phuong T. Bui
Group Art Unit : 1638
Applicants : B. Müller-Röber et al.
Application No. : 08/702,718
Confirmation No. : 7038
Filed : March 19, 1997
For : PROCESSES FOR INHIBITING AND FOR
INDUCING FLOWER FORMATION IN PLANTS

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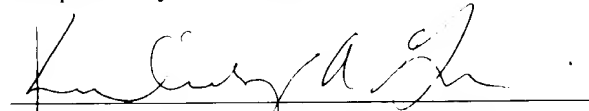
**PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)
FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), applicants hereby petition for a three-month extension of time to respond to the Examiner's Final Office Action dated January 28, 2003. With the extension, a response is due on or before July 28, 2003. A check in the amount of \$930.00, in payment of the fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(3), is enclosed herewith.

In the accompanying Transmittal Letter submitted concurrently
herewith in duplicate, applicants authorize the Director to charge any additional fees
that may be due, or to credit overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 06-1075.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "James F. Haley, Jr.", is written over a horizontal line.

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